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Solar Cell Connector Having a Frame-Shaped

Compensation Section and Method of Producing

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 15, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action dated November 30, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention defined in Group I. Claims 1-18 for the prosecution of this application on the merits, without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the remaining claims.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and 2

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 010408.52444US).

Respectfully submitted,

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